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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS [37 CFR 1.27(a)(2)] - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN I hereby declare that I am the owner of the small business concern identified below: an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:						
	OF CONCERN Wright Manufacturing, Inc.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				
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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.802, and in 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.						
I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled:						
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If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each person, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person who could not qualify as a person under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3). Name						
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application of patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.27(g)]						
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I hereby appoint the attorneys of **Customer Number 23117** as my associate attorneys in the above-entitled application, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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